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EDITORIAL NOTES

- *** Select your public servants from among those who you know are solid for reform.
- ** In 1860 it cost \$2,30 per capita to run this government. Now it costs \$7,93. Reform!
- ** The moneycrats are badly scared and getting worse every day. Stand to your guns, boys.
- ** The Denver News, the leading Democratic paper in Colorado, declines to support Cleveland.
- ** The burning question is: "What right has Congress to say what the issues before the people are or should is going on in the world. Col. Cald-
- ** People's party meeting was held in Chambersburg township, Iredell county, last week, the Landmark
- nigh "used up" in Nebraska. There are only 110 papers in the State that are party organs.
- ** Wise men change when necesapplied to people who vote against their interests every year.
- without so many disturbing dreams. But what will the people do?
- ** A thousand and five delegates took part in the People's party State convention that met in Dallas, Texas, recently. That looks like business.

Scions of a mighty stock; ollow with unflinching tread Where your noble fathers bled.

- ** Yes, it is a fact that the Repub lican party is responsible for most of the mislegislation since the war, the Democrats, to a large extent, concur-
- ** The Vance Farmer is the title of a small but lively paper just started at party correcting the evils. Instead of mentary to The Progressive Farmer. Henderson by Bro. Plummer G. Rowland. It will support the People's tariff for years. party.
- who is responsible for it, tell them that and get a copy of the annual tax list the cowardly majority that has been for 1892 or a few copies of the Congres in the House three times since the war | sional Record. If they don't thrill you had much to do with it.
- preserve the independence of the people we must not let our rulers load us with perpetual debt." The Omaha to the "Christian Endeaver Society," on riots and bloodshed. An awful fire the people of North Carolina have not see that he is particular to say that platform is against that.
- ** The Railroad Commission has reduced the freight on cantaloupes in crates from \$1.30 to 70 cents per crate. The melon that cantelope at that price must stay at home hereafter.
- ** Free the money of this country from the control of Wall street and let the people manage their own finances, and corporation tyranny will receive a back seat, says the National Watch-
- a journalist and a jolly, good natured | put on the galling chains. fellow besides. We wish to see him at the top and he is getting there fast enough.
- one that is worth the paper it is written have published them publicly denying They are suffering for food.

on-is that denouncing protection as a | the report. It seems that the report fraud. The best plank in the People's started in Nash county. We know platform is that favoring a genuine that the Messrs. Stronachs are enthupostal telegraph. The best plank in siastic partisans, but have no idea the Republican platform-well, we pause; there is no best, it's all bad."

- ** "Five Hundred Questions and Answers" is the title of a very neat and valuable publication on poultryraising, published by the Fancier's Review, Chatham, N. Y. Price, 25 cents by mail.
- ** Jerry Simpson tells the New York Herald that Weaver is the strongest man that could have been nominated by the People's party. That settles it. Whatever Jerry says is generally correct.
- ** A Democratic exchange says the People's party dropped the pension business and took up Weaver, which is worse." The Democratic party dropped everything and took up Cleveland, which is worse than the worst.
- ** The St. Louis platform was adopted by Wake County Alliance by a large majority. Bro. W. R. Upchurch was elected President; J. J. Dunn reelected Secretary; A. C. Green Delegate to State Alliance.
- ** A correspondent writing from Gold Hill township, Rowan county, says the People's party will carry there by a big majority. There is not a more intelligent community in the State than that one, either.
- ** The premium list of the N. (very handsomely gotten up and gives all the particulars. Mr. Ayer has worked hard to make the next the best Fair ever held, and doubtless will su:
- ** Thomas H. Benton said: "The government ceases to be independent, it ceases to be safe when the national currency is at the will of a corporation." The Omaha platform is the only one that declares against national
- ** The Electric is a new 16 page monthly journal started in Raleigh last week. Mr. S. T. Nicholson is editor. It is filled with clippings to a large extent, but contains a variety of well selected matter. It is Democratic -modern stripe.
- ** The Wilmington Messenger fre quently complains that it does not get the Charlotte papers. When this occurs Col. Kingsbury don't know what well ought to send his "signboard of truth" regular.
- *** Our friends will find this paper full of interesting and valuable read ing matter just now. Every one who ** The People's party must be pretty | wants to keep posted and see justice done would do well to get more readers. Make up clubs at once. Any number received from one up.
- ** A Texas editor asks his patrons leave a party it is time for everybody sary; fools never change. This can be to work to increase his circulation, and else to get wide awake. The Scotch says he has money to run it three years are noted for their firm and unwaver longer, but the end will come after ing allegiance to anything they belong ** Now that the silver bill has that. Three years? Great Ceasar! been killed, the moneycrats will sleep An editor with that much money all change for the only great party in could get a big salary in a dime this State. museum.
 - defeated office seeker and Judge ter in the hands of the people during Gresham is a patriot. Two weeks ago the campaign, says: "Brass bands Weaver was the patriot and Gresham and barbecues are very good things in was a chronic office-seeker. It was thought then that Gresham would be nominated at Omaha, says the Moncure Echo.
 - ** The New York World, Dem., says "the evils complained of by the People's party are real." Now why in the world didn't the World say so do more harm than forty marine bands sooner and insist on the Democratic could repair." That is rather complithat it has has done nothing but howl The "harm" it does is legitimate and
- ** If you want some real thrilling ** When you tell the dear people reading just quit buying dime novels enough, read the letters from Con-** Thomas Jefferson said: "To gressmen who are using the force bill scare to whip voters into line.
 - ** Some of the young lady delegates which met in New York recently, congregated in the Wall Street Stock Exchange and sang hymns. The nervy brokers joined in. The brokers ought to have sang: "All of thee we ask: all your property we expect to get."
- ** About now the usual number of squalling twins are being born and christened "Grover and Ruth" or "Ben and McKee," and the fathers of the poor innocent little creatures and the political newspapers rejoice and *** Col. C. F. King is making the are willing to perpetuate the financial Atlanta Weekly Journal hum, He is slavery and see the new-born infants
- ** It has been charged that Messrs. Frank and Will Stronach, of this city, told the old veterans in the Soldiers' 150,000 workmen in steel and iron ** The San Francisco, California, Home, near Raleigh, that if they failed Star, an independent paper, disposes to vote the straight Democratic ticket in the fight between workmen and creased. How has it been? Ever since of the three platforms in the following the Soldiers' Home would be discon- Pinkerton men at Homestead. Two the war the leading railroad men have so. Harri-on has been President nearly terse style: "The best plank in the tinued, or words to that effect. The thousand people are homeless in Ala- stood by the Republican party because four years. The House and Senate

that they have or would stoop to such work as that.

- ** The President has sent most of the standing army to various points in the past few days to suppress outraged workmen whose wages have been re duced to raise campaign boodle. We suggest that the remainder of the troops be called out to suppress Congress, That body has done the country more harm than all the strikes heard of.
- ** "They say" that Weaver is the weakest man that could have been nominated at Omaha. Of course he is weak(?) Any man who would have been nominated would be called weak the little politicians who are slandering James B. Weaver couldn't wake him up when he is taking a "cat nap." That is enough.
- ** The New York Morning Advertiser, speaking of the "paternalism in the People's party platform, says those who favor paternalism in govlive with the Czar of Russia, for he simply to get in position to say what has reduced it to a science. Perhaps it may desire. We feel free and coninstead of a Czar. That makes quite a nice difference.
- ** Cleveland refuses to allow his wife's name used in political clubs or the picture of his baby to appear in papers. Now he is a great hero, and don't you forget it-according to the papers. But has he ever done anything to advance the welfare of the people except a favored few in Wall street That is the big question that remains
- ** A number of Democratic newspapers are jumping on Col. Dr. Kingbury, of the Wilmington Messenger. Fact is, gentlemen, The Progressive FARMER has had him at the anxious seat for some time. If we don't make a People's party man out of him we will make a good Democrat. A good Jeffersonian Democrat is just as respec table as a People's party man, but they are not so numerous.
- ** The Wilson Advance thinks we are "in a hole" since the Omaha plat form declares against the force bill Not at all. We are as much against the force bill as anybody, but feel sure that there is no danger. If there is any the People's party is the only one honest enough to knock it into a cocked hat, The Omaha convention did right in going on record as against all Federal interference in elections.
- ** Mr Alexander McNeill, of Cum berland county, says he has voted the Democratic ticket for 27 years, but is now for the People's party. When those sturdy old Scotch Democrats to, but it looks like they are will nearly
- *** The Wilmington Star, in urging ** Now they say Gen. Weaver is a the necessity for placing reading mat their places, but they are not votewinners. Spasmodic enthusiasm they Grady will have to spring a new chestmay evoke, but that is not the element needed in the formation of a of North Carolina. Democrat. This is a year in which the people are reading and thinking. One issue of The Progressive Farmer will necessary. You must keep your old snaggled-toothed party straight if you don't want THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER to shell it.

CURRENT EVENTS.

The past week has been again loaded with horrible accidents, fires, riots and working for parties that are run in murders. More than a dozen lynchings have occurred, some of them bringing Bro. Grady has queer ideas if he thinks occurred at St. Johns, New Foundland, burning up nearly the entire city. Loss about fifteen million dollars, onethird insured. By an overflow of water in a river in France 150 people were drowned. About 25 were drowned on controlled legislation. Instead of giving Lake Peoria, Ill., by a pleasure boat them more power, government ownercapsizing. Twenty men were killed by the blowing up of a mine in Idaho. The miners are on a strike there and government troops are there now. Cyrus W. Field, who laid the first Atlantic cable died on Tuesday at Chicago. Troops to the number of 8,000 were sent to take possession of the steel works at Homestead, Pa., then in the hands of striking workmen. There are leges to none." Deny that, please. threats of a strike that will involve works. Ten were killed and 100 wounded creasing their political power it is de-Democratic platform—in fact the only veterans all signed resolutions and bama by the flood on Tombigbee river. it was largely in power. The halls of were both Re publican for two years of

NOT AN ORGAN.

Congressman Grady refers to THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER as "organ of the Third party in North Carolina." We also notice that a number of newspapers and correspondents term it "the People's party organ."

Notice has already been given that it is not an "organ" for any man or party and will not be. Hereafter gentlemen will not speak of it in that way, for this notice is plain enough to set all straight.

This paper has been offered the organship but respectfully declined. It could become a Democratic or Republican organ at any moment, if it would consent. But while we publish notices for the People's party and say much in favor of it, believing its plat by the moneycratic organs. Well, form and nominees superior to all others, and that all political reforms must come through it, if secured, we would never think of resigning as organ of the Alliance to become a party organ. The People's party is right, will succeed, but the Alliance is better than all parties and no paper should slight it to become a "party organ." ernmental affairs should go over and THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER resigned he has. But the people will rule here tented and will stand or fall by the Alliance and its principles. We want to stay in a position to knock the spots off the People's party if it gets crooked.

THIS IS PARTISAN.

Democratic Primaries Are Being Called. People Who Want Reform Have Been Badly Used Once This Year. All Who Mean Business Will Stay Away From Democratic and Republican Conventions Hereafter. Your Patriotism And Your Duty To Family Demand That You Stay Away.

CONGRESSMAN GRADY'S LETTER

Hon. B. F. Grady, of the Third Con gressional District, has written a letter to Col. W. E. Hill, of Faison, and sends a copy to this office for publica tion. It will be found on another page.

Bro. Grady thinks the railroad plank of the St. Louis and Omaha platforms dangerous and proceeds to tell why. He says there are at least 12,000 rail road employes in North Carolina, that the employes and attorneys effect upon our State politics. Let's see. We have in North Carolina a voting population of more than 260, still have 258,000 voters left. Now if 258,000 are willing for 12,000 to run over them they ought to be run over and trampled to death. There are in the United States 12,000,000 voters. Seven hundred thousand are railroad employes, and about three hundred thousand office holders-1,000,000 in all. Now if 11,000,000 voters are ready to let 1,000,000 rule the roost, it is time to declare this nation one vast lunatic asylum. But if there should be any danger, the Omaha platform suggests that railroad employes be disfranchised, just as the residents of the Dis trict of Columbia and the soldiers of the standing army now are. Bro. nut before he can frighten the people However, if there was danger on that

line it could be no worse than it now is. Where will you find more active Democrats than Col. A. B. Andrews and his numerous attorneys and railroad employes throughout the State? Until recently the North Carolina Legislature was filled with railroad attornevs and is not entirely free yet. Railroad men work both openly and secretly to carry their interests to the front. They have a right to and when the farmers and other people fully realize the importance of voting and their interest, there will be a change. this State for years. They have had taxation; and, to a large extent, have that the force bill would be the issue? ship would take nearly all the political

influence from them. We wish to remark right here that the only people who need good legislation is the farmers. Laws that will suit them will be just for everybody else, if said laws are made in accordance with the Omaha platform-

Now let us go up to national affairs. We have shown that instead of inattorneys and large stockholders. Con- why didn't Harrison "fasten the yoke" gressmen who happen to go poor come on the people then? back rich, made so by "preferred" railroad and bank stock. Railroad is believed, and with good reason, that kings like Jay Gould and Vanderbilt | the Democrats got the Republicans to carry Congress in one pocket and the put the Force bill in their platform this Senate in the other. Contrary to law year, hoping thereby to keep the South bank officers and stockholders have solid? Both parties saw their hopes been in Congress. They and the railroad kings shape all legislation and will remain solid, we think, but will be carry the President around in their solid for the People's party. Friends vest pockets alternately. Later on the just wait till we get through with these manufacturing kings came in and now the representative men of those three hoods. Read all in this issue and you things absolutely control both old parties, name the men and write the platforms. There are a few men who have been too honest to sell out; a few others were not needed. Now will Congressman Grady prove the above to be incorrect? Then would any sensible man say it is not safer to trust the government to 11,000,000 voters than a few dozen railread, banking and manufacturing kings? Bro. Grady tries to make capital out

of the fact that THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER suggested that the Omaha platform deal with financial reform alone. We did that as a free citizen, not as an organ or dictator, because it is the first and greatest question, not because we do not approve the other planks, for we have repeatedly endorsed every word of the entire St. giving practical effect to the demand Louis platform. The more we think of said National Alliance. about it the better we like it.

of the danger of the force bill. If take their own medicine? Will they there was any danger of it, the Peo- vote for Cleveland? Has the National ple's party is the only one that would Democratic platform anything in it stand between us and the bill, for the like the St. Louis platform! That plat-Democratic House showed by its vote form (made in 1889) is just like the on the silver bill last Wednesday that present St. Louis conference platform it is incapable of defending the South and nearly like the People's party against anything, as the bill failed to platform. President Carr afterwards

were both elected to their high posi- included the above resolution. tions because the people were tired of | Friends, the fun has only com misrepresentation and political and menced. Read this paper if you want sectional twaddle instead of patriotic to be posted. and honest legislation. But in the past ten days both of them have written letters practically advising the South to stay solid and seeking to revive sectional feeling more bitter than ever before. They intimate that our but cowardly highwaymen, who never people should go back where they break a lock, could form trusts on started and vote to be robbed four everything that you make to sell or years longer, and to go back now have to buy, and now the coffin trust means never to regain what would be has at last got down to business. Even lost. It pains us beyond expression to after you die the legalized trust robber perform what we know is our duty to swoops down upon your frail body and the people of North Carolina, but claims more than he is entitled to. would have a powerful controling Messrs. Alexander and Grady have seen fit to express their views publicly, ment to bury them and pay for the exand we have been in the reform move- pensive funerals, but most people have ment as long as they, worked as hard; not that advantage. But if the people 000. Subtract 12,000 from that and we and, knowing our duty, will not keep have any sense they will bury eightquiet at such a time. If the people of tenths of our Congressmen so deep North Carolina can be led to vote with ballots next fall that there will be against their own interests or fright- no occasion for the government to inened by force bill threats (we don't be- terfere. lieve they can) they will do it with open eyes, for The Progressive Farmer ance of lumber and skilled mechanics will beat even its own record as an eyeopener in the next few months.

POLITICAL INCONSISTENCIES

We have frequently got up editorials in parallel columns, but none have shown greater inconsistency than the two below clipped from the Montgomery, Ala., Advertiser. On June 16th the Advertiser evidently hit the nail on the head and told the actual truth about the force bill. But the bosses spoke, for on June 25th it came out badly frightened about the force bill. People who are simple enough to be frightened by the force bill romance should read it carefully:

dvertiser, June 16:
The fact is, the force ill is dead as Hector. Advertiser, June 16: The rank and file of | that that the successful candidate must secure at least 223 The "solid he Republican party North were never in favor of it since its full | South" will cast 15 discussion last year. and despite the tall The plank is only a sop to the negro vote of the North, and Harrison doubtful, nobody whose these States bein doubtful, nobody whos could not pass the bill could not pass the bill judgment is worth f he was re-elected. anything doubt that the force bill issue wi bility of the force bill's passage than there is carry every one for the Democratic candi several Southern states going against Democracy.

If you will notice the last sentence of the editorial of June 25th you will already learned that the railroad men the force bill issue will carry every have been holding a high carnival in Southern State for the Democratic Gen. Weaver is the leader of the Peocandidate. Now don't you see the dozens of special favors, grants, escaped fraud had got word from Chicago have announced that a bitter warfare

it so hot for these "force bill" romancers that they will wish they had died in their infancy.

BUT HE DIDN'T.

The Salisbury Watchman says that there are some people who really believe that if Harrison is elected he will Weaver. They expect to contort some pass the Force bill." That is just what of his speeches and make mountains "equal rights to all and special privi- he will do, and all he wants is a right of mole hills. His private and public good chance. He could fasten the yoke of Republicanism on the people, you see. Oh, no, Uncle Benjamin is not a bit too good to try to."—Lexington Dispatch.

Now the Dispatch is logical, awfully

Bro. Sherrill, you are young yet. were gone if that failed. The South "Force bill fellows" and their false will see the rottenness of their at tempted fraud.

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READ THIS.

In 1890 Elias Carr, President of the North Carolina State Alliance, and E C. Beddingfield, State Secretary, sent out the St. Louis platform in circular form for adoption or rejection by the Sub Alliances. Nine tenths of them adopted it.

Among other things this resolution

Resolved, That as true and steadfast Alliancemen we pledge ourselves to give neither AID, SUPPORT, or COMFORT. nor to vote for any person or persons who cannot and will not co-operate with this Alliance in standing by and

Now we want to ask the above Congressman Grady then warns us named brethren if they are willing to issued a proclamation stating that it Congressmen Alexander and Grady | had been adopted, and of course that

EVEN AFTER YOU DIE

Congress has shut its ears until bold.

Congressmen depends on the govern-

In this country we have an abundwho would be glad to do the work. Home made coffins may not look as polished as factory-made ones, but they will do. Let's do that and permit the coffin factories to make assign ----

LET THE MAJORITY RULE.

A correspondent writes from Fayetteville and asks our advice in regard to the split in the convention there last week. We cannot speak officially, but are willing to give our views.

It seems that People's party delegates met there and a majority decided to postpone the Congressional convention until the 23d of August. A motion to that effect and to adjourn was carried. We think the majority had good reasons for postponing, and the majority ought to rule at all times. There is such a thing as a majority, even a large one, being mistaken, but the minority, large or small, should acquiesce until they can convince the majority of their error. Not knowing all the facts, we cannot say who is right, but the minority made a serious mistake by their action and should at once take steps to

THE SLANDER BUREAU

The slander mill has been set going ple's party. Already some newspapers will be made on him. That the "slan-Fellow-citizens, we intend to make | der bureau" has contracted to do the work, there can be no doubt, for several newspapers have began publishing the literature and state that worse is coming. There seems to be a general understanding that the platform made at Omaha is too perfect to attack, and that the whole onslaught will be on character, like the Omaha platform, cannot be assailed. Hence the low down methods that will be pursued. Look out for it.

The Progressive Farmer from now until Nov. 15th Congress have been filled by railroad that time by a large majority. Now for 40 cents. Make up your Clubs.